GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES - FOREST DEPARTMENT- Allegation of corruption of demand and acceptance of bribe against Smt. Dabba Lalitha kumari, formerly Forest Range Officer, Wild Life Management, Kakinada, East Godavari Dist.-Trapped on 22.12.2014- Sanction of prosecution – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.82 **Dated :09-08-2016.**

ORDER:

WHEREAS, Smt.Dabba Lalitha Kumari, W/o David Aaron while working as Forest Range officer, Wild Life Management, Kakinada, East Godavari District from 01.06.2012 to 22.12.2014 and by virtue of the post held by her, she falls under the category of a public Servant as defined under section 2(c) of the Prevention of Corruption Act,1988.

2. AND WHEREAS, Sri Seru Veerababu, S/o Veerraju, R/o Uppalanka, Kakinada, E.G. District is working as Protection Helper, O/o Forest Range Officer, Wild life Management, Kakinada.

3. AND WHEREAS, it is alleged that Sri Seru Verababu and one Sri M. Satish kumar are Working as Protection Helpers, Wild Life Management, korangi Forest Complex since September,2013. Smt.Dabba Lalitha Kumari had to prepare their pay bills and forward the same to Divisional Forest officer, Wild Life Mangement, Rajahmundry for drawing their salaries. As their salaries for the period from August ,2014 to November,2014 have not been paid, they met Smt. Dabba Lalitha Kumari several times and when requested to process their bills she demanded them to pay bribe of Rs.14000/-. When they informed her that they did not have money, she told them that she would prepare and forward their pay bills to the DFO only if they agreed to pay bribe amount Rs.14000/- after receiving the salaries. Having no option when they agreed to do so Smt. Dabba Lalitha Kumari forwarded bills to the DFO and the salaries of Sri Seru Veerababu and Sri M. Satish kumar were remitted to the bank. Since then Smt.Dabba Lalitha Kumari has been demanding them to pay one month salary each towards bribe i.e Rs.14000/- and threatened them that if they do not pay the bribe of Rs.14000/- she would not prepare and forward the salary bill for the month of December 2014. She also threatened them that, she would give adverse report to DFO stating that they are not performing the duties properly and see that they are removed from service. On 19.02.2014 they met Smt. Dabba Lalitha Kumari and informed that they cannot pay such huge bribe amount but she turned a deaf ear and reiterated her threat of their removal from the service. Left with no option, they agreed to give demanded amount and then she directed them to pay the bribe amount of Rs.14000/- either at her office or at her house. As Sri Veerababu was not willing to pay the bribe, he gave a report to the DSP, ACB, Rajahmundry on 21.12.2014, who after observing procedural formalities, registered the said report as a case in Cr.No.11/RCT- RJY/2014 on 22.12.2014 , and submitted FIR to the concerned and made arrangements for laying the trap against Smt. Dabba Lalitha Kumari.

4. AND WHEREAS, during the course of trap proceedings on 22.12.2014, Smt. Dabba Lalitha Kumari was successfully trapped in her residence when she further demanded and accepted the bribe amount of Rs.14000/- from Sri Veerababu. The chemical test conducted on the fingers of both the hands of Smt. Dabba Lalitha Kumari separately, yielded positive results. In pursuance of the information furnished by Smt.Dabba Lalitha Kumari, the tainted amount of Rs.14000/- was recovered from wooden stool, which was located in front of Smt. Dabba Lalitha Kumari's chair. When compared, the serial numbers of the recovered currency notes were found totally with those of the serial numbers of the currency notes handed over by Sri Seru Verababu during pre trap proceedings. The chemical test conducted on upper surface of the wooden stool, which came into contact with the tainted amount also yielded positive result. The DSP seized the tainted amount, samples of

chemical powders, resultant solutions, relevant records and examined the witnesses. He also prepared rough sketch of the scene of offence.

5. AND WHEREAS, the above said acts of Smt. Dabba Lalitha Kumari ,worked as Forest Range Officer, Wild Life Management, Kakinada, East Godavari Dist. constitute offences punishable under sections 7 & 13(1)(d) r/w section 13(2) of the P.C.Act,1988.

6. AND WHEREAS , the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the competent authority to remove Smt. Dabba Lalitha Kumari, worked as Forest Range Officer ,Wild Life Management, Kakinada, East Godavari Dist from service after fully and carefully examining the material (i.e., FIR, Mediator's reports, statements of witnesses, seized documents, explanation of Smt. Dabba Lalitha Kumari and final report of DG,ACB etc.) placed before them in respect of the said allegations and having regard to the circumstances of the case consider that Smt. Dabba Lalitha Kumari, worked as Forest Range Officer, Wild Life Management, Kakinada, East Godavari District should be prosecuted in a court of Law.

7. NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub section (1) of section 19 of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, the Government hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of Smt. Dabba Lalitha Kumari, worked as Forest Range Officer, Wild Life Management, Kakinada, East Godavari District for the above said offences punishable under sections 7 & 13(1)(d) r/w section 13(2) of the P.C Act. 1988 and for any other cognate offences punishable under any other provisions of Law for the time being in force in respect of the aforesaid acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. P.V.RAMESH
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General, Anti-corruption Bureau,
Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

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